

Preserves Fort Davis Historic Site

Washington, DC—Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) today visited the White House to attend the signing of H.R. 146, The Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 which includes language for the Fort Davis Historic site in the 23rd District of Texas. The bill includes over 70 measures from the 110th Congress that had previously passed the House. One such measure authorized the expansion of Fort Davis National Historic Site to preserve a prominent view so that the public can experience the fort just as travelers and settlers did in the 1800s. The bill passed the House last week and was signed in a ceremony today by the President.

“The President signed a bill today that helps the economy in our communities surrounding our national parks and preserves the culture and history of our country,” said Rodriguez. “The Fort Davis Historic Site is one of the most well preserved historic forts in the country and by making this treasured piece of land a part of the park we will continue to allow visitors for generations to come to enjoy the fort in its well-preserved state.”

Specifically, Rodriguez’s language in the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act will now allow the National Park Service to acquire additional land from willing sellers for a site that has been the subject of concern for the community and conservationists. Since the current acreage cap of the Fort Davis Historic Site is 476 acres, and the park currently occupies 473 acres of that allotment, an acreage cap increase was also necessary, which the Park Service has also been allowed through the Act.